GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3141
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HOWRAH AND BURNPUR UNITS OF BBUNL
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Wagon of BBUNL has been handed over to the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not considering B.S.C.L. of Howrah and Burnpur units of BBUNL to be handed over to the Railways or not even for revival package from Heavy Industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES(SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a): No Sir.

(b): The Government has approved the proposal to transfer the administrative control of Bharat Wagon & Engineering Company Limited (BWEL) to Ministry of Railways, while directing that the financial restructuring aspects would be examined by Cabinet Secretary.

(c): The matter relating to transfer of Burnpur unit of Burn Standard Company Limited (BSCL) to Railways was taken up during 2002-03 with Ministry of Railways, however, the Ministry of Railways did not agree for the same.At present there is no proposal to transfer Howrah and Burnpur units of BSCL to Ministry of Railways.

As regard revival of BSCL,the Company has huge liability and is under reference to BIFR and hence sub-judice.BIFR has appointed United Bank of India as Operating Agency to look into the possibilities of revival of BSCL.